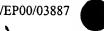


- 3. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1 which comprises from about 9.0 to about 10.0 w/w% of protein.
- 4. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein source comprises casein protein.
- 5. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 4, wherein the protein source comprises about 6% to about 50% by weight of whey protein and about 20% to about 40% casein protein.
- 6. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein source is substantially free of lactose.
- 7. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein source has less than 10% blocked lysine.
- 8. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein source comprises hydrolyzed protein.
- 9. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 8, wherein the protein source comprises about 98.5% to about 97% by weight of hydrolyzed sweet whey protein and about 1.5% to about 3% by weight of arginine, tyrosine, and histidine.
 - 10. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1 which comprises: about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine;
- about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and
 - about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.
- 11. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1 which comprises a lipid source and a carbohydrate source.

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- 12. Once Amended) A composition according to claim 11, wherein the lipid source includes medium chain triglycerides.
- 13. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 11, wherein the carbohydrate source includes lactose
- 14. (Once Amended) An infant formula comprising a protein source having a low threonine content and comprising:

a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and weet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropeptide has been removed;

a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan rich milk protein and mixtures thereof;

up to about 1.5% by weight histidine; and about 0.1% to about 2% by weight arginine.

- 15. (Once Amended) An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tryptophan.
- 16. (Once Amended) An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 1% to about 1.5% by weight histidine, about 0.6% to about 0.9% by weight arginine, and about 0.3% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine.
- 17. (Once Amended) An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tyrosine.
- 18. (Once Amended) A method of producing an infant formula composition comprising the steps of:

protein and casein protein together with free arginine, free Appl. No. PCT/EP00/03887 histidine, and a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan rich milk protein and mixtures thereof, and homogenizing the blended mixture.

(Once Amended) A method of providing a medicament to an infant comprising the step of administering to an infant a formula comprising:

a protein source which has a low threonine content and comprising a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropeptide has been removed, free arginine, free histidine, a component selected from the group consisting of free tryptophan, tryptophan rich milk protein and mixtures thereof, and a medicament.

(Once Amended) A method of providing nutrition to an infant comprising the step 20. of administering to an infant a formula comprising:

a protein source which has a low threonine content and comprising a whey component selected from the group consisting of acid whey protein and sweet whey protein from which caseino-glyco-macropeptide has been removed, free arginine, free histidine, a component selected from the group consisting of free tyrosine, free tryptophan, tryptophan rich milk protein and mixtures thereof, and a nutritional agent.

Please add Claims 21-39 as follows:

An infant formula according to claim 14, wherein the protein source comprises up to about 0.1% by weight histidine, about 0.1% to about 0.3% by weight arginine, and about 0.3

A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises less than to about 0.5% by weight tryptophan. 22. about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen.

- A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises casein Appl. No. PCT/EP00/03887 protein.
 - A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula is substantially free 24. of lactose.
 - A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises: about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine; 25.

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

- A method according to claim 18, wherein the infant formula comprises a lipid 26.
- A method according to claim 9, wherein the protein source comprises less than source and a carbohydrate source. 27. 9, wherein the protein source comprises casein
 - about 8g threonine/16g nitrogen. A method according to claim 28. protein.
 - A method according to claim 19, wherein the protein source is substantially free 29. of lactose.
 - A method according to claim 19, wherein the protein source comprises: about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine; about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group 30.

consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

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- 31. A method according to claim 19, wherein the formula comprises a lipid source and a carbohydrate source.
- 32. A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises casein protein.
 - A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source is substantially free 33. lactose.
 - 34. A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises: about 0.1% to about 3% by weight of arginine;

about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of a component selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and tyrosine; and

about 0.1 to about 1.5% by weight of histidine.

- 35. A method according to claim 20, wherein the formula comprises a lipid source and a carbohydrate source.
- A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 36. 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine about 1% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tryptophan.
- A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 1% 37. to about 1.5% by weight histidine, about 0.6% to about 0.9% by weight arginine, and about 0.3% to about 0.5% by weight tyrosine.
- A method according to claim 20, wherein the protein source comprises about 38. 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight histidine, about 11% to about 2% by weight arginine, and about 0.2% to about 0.4% by weight tyrosine.